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To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is James Escudero, owner of A Better Choice Pest Control, LLC in Granby CT.

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB-6187, which would require Connecticut employers to provide paid sick leave. This proposal will substantially increase our business costs and could force us to reevaluate the other benefits we provide our employees.

I recently took a trip to Florida. Aside from the weather, it is interesting to note that the business climate there is more conducive to growth and expansion than it is here in Connecticut. If you continue on your present course, Connecticut will become a stagnant wasteland, populated with the rich in Fairfield County, state workers and public assistance recipients. Not a pretty picture.

I urge you to reject this proposal and work with the business community to control labor and workplace costs in Connecticut.

Peace, James Escudero